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### **Idaho April Red Meat Production Down 15 Percent from Last Year**

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for April 2010 totaled 16.4 million pounds, down 15 percent from April of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-April 2010 period totaled 67.3 million pounds, down 12 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.01 billion pounds in April, down 2 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2009. Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 3 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,500 head, up 1 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.05 million head, down 4 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from April 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,700 head, 17 percent below last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago. January to April 2010 commercial red meat production was 15.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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